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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

APPLICANTS: Schuster et al. CONFIRMATION NO.: 3362
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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,783,943
AL PCT Application WO 03/019218
AN European Application 0 552 542
AN European Application 1 262 788

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited in a Search Report dated March 9, 2004 rendered by the United Kingdom Patent Office in connection with the counterpart British Application. A copy of the United Kingdom Search Report is submitted herewith.

United States Patent No. 5,311,134 has already been made of record herein as Reference AB in the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 15, 2003.

For the references that are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Reference AL corresponds to copending United States application Serial No. 10/487,479, filed February 23, 2004, and is assigned to the same assignee, Siemens Aktiengesellschaft, as the present application. Applicants have not yet been notified of the Group Art Unit to which that copending application has been assigned.

Reference AN corresponds to copending United States application Serial No. 10/158,530, filed May 30, 2002. That application is currently pending in Group Art Unit 2859. That application also is assigned to Siemens Aktiengesellschaft.

Applicants assume the Examiner has access to these copending applications, and therefore Applicants have not burdened the present file with duplicate copies. Each of these referenced, however, has an English language abstract attached thereto. If the Examiner nevertheless would prefer that copies of one or both of these copending applications be provided, the Examiner is requested to notify the undersigned counsel for the Applicants and copies will be submitted.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

Should this Information Disclosure Statement cross in the mail with a first Office Action, it is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Accordingly, the undersigned counsel states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), that each of the above references was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.



All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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